



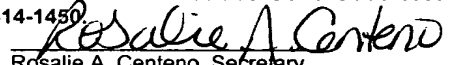
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) – Edwin Becker et al

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING THE QUALITY OF LUBRICANT

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 8 pages specification, 3 pages claims (9), 1 page abstract and 1 page drawing (1 Figure) in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of August 2, 2002, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application Nr. 102 35 612.2. A certified copy of said German patent application is submitted herewith.
3. Appropriate fees will be submitted with a subsequent submission.

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